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A proposed amendment to place the application in condition for allowance which Attorney indicated that in step (b) of claim 1, the deletion of the term "almost" is changed to --- is --- "0 g/L". The reference teaches the required limitation of continuing fermentation of step (b) in the range of "preferably between 0.1 and 2.5 g/l throughout the fermentation" whereas the instant claims for step (b) is 0 g/L. Upon receipt of the amendment to the claims, this limitation will be considered favorably for allowability upon a very careful review of the art of record.

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